

**A Speech made the 3d day of July 1683. to  
the Military Gentlemen, being the Day  
of their General Exercise by their Leader  
Appointed for that Day.**

*Gentlemen and Fellow-Soldiers,*

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OU have been pleased to lay upon me a double obligation, first  
for the great Honor you have conferred upon me, in choosing me  
to be your Leader for this Day. Next for this great and splendid Appear-  
ance of so many Worthy and Loyal Gentlemen, for both which, I  
return you my hearty thanks.

Gentlemen, your performance is by me unquestionable, but no man  
is Infallible; therefore let us all endeavor to approve our selves to be  
what we pretend to, Soldiers.

In order whereunto, I for my part will endeavor to use the best of  
my Power, and Skill to Conduct you in all things necessary, these Gen-  
tlemen my Fellow Soldiers are so well qualifyed, that I doubt not their  
Obedience to their Superior Commanders, and you Gentlemen I que-  
stion not but will as willingly obey your Officers, remembering that  
if any Act out of their proper Station, it will render the Work Irre-  
gular.

Gentlemen, we live under a good and Gracious King, whom God  
long preserve, to whose Wise and Prudent Management of Affairs,  
next under Almighty God, we owe our Lives and all we Injoy. We  
live in a Kingdom, whose good Laws and Constitutions, as they are  
Established both in Church and State, well deserve our Honorable Re-  
membrance: our Military Discipline, and true English Courage is Ap-  
plauded through the Universe. Being thus qualifyed, Gentlemen, as  
we need fear no Forreign Invasion, so let us detest and abhor all Do-  
mestick Factions and Rebellions.

Gentlemen, I question not but all of us that have met together this  
day for our Recreation, if His Majesty should have occasion to Com-  
mand us to Arms, will as readily appear for the Preservation of His  
Sacred Person, the Rights and Prerogative of the Crown, his Heirs and  
Lawful Successors, and the Laws Established in Church and State: and  
in so doing we shall approve our selves to be Loyal and Dutiful Sub-  
jects to our King, to be Faithful Members of our Country, to be no  
Dissenting but united Protestants of the Church of *England*.

To be short, Gentlemen, we may hope for the favor of our King,  
the Applause of our Country, the Prayers of our Church, and the  
Blessing of Almighty God.

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